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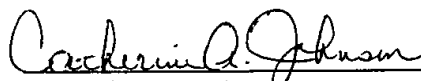
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Application of : PALTENGHE, Cris T. et al.
Application No. : 09/291,294
Filed : April 14, 1999
For : SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SECURELY
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Examiner : Norman, M.
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith are copies of the following document(s) for filing in the above-identified application:

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Request for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) (In Duplicate);
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Multiple Dependent Claim Added.....					NO
TOTAL					\$ 84

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Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT AND REMARKS

Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed March 19, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in light of the following Amendment and Remarks. A Request for Continued Examination and fee and a three-months extension of time and fee are filed concurrently herewith.

In the Claims:

Please add the following new claims 93:

93. (New) A method for securely storing data for an owner, comprising:
providing a virtual wallet application having a local aspect residing on a computing device of the owner and a remote aspect residing on a trusted third party's server;
assigning a primary aspect of a secret access device to the owner by the virtual wallet application for accessing both aspects of the virtual wallet application by the owner via the computing device coupled to the server over a network;
escrowing a secondary aspect of the secret access device by a virtual executor function of the virtual wallet application preprogrammed to utilize the secondary aspect to allow access to the owner's stored data only to an authorized